

ONLINE CHURCH

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BLACK

LIVES

TRUTH TELLERS

WOMEN

FAITH

HISTORY

THEY MATTER.

Black History Month

Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

She's Got the Whole World

sung by Tim Shaw

She's got the whole world in Her hands
She's got the whole word in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hand

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Caitlin Culp, Deacon
Britany Riley, Liturgist*

O God of our weary years and God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus far on the way—

Hear us, O God! For your Black children continue to offer a wellspring of vision and voice in the deserts of the American imagination.

O God, you assured us that you have heard the cries of your children, that you have seen the plight of their suffering, and that you would shadow them beneath your hand.

O God, we ask that you deliver us from the violent white supremacy that surrounds us. God we ask that you make your justice flow, and your righteousness fall like an ever-flowing stream.

O God, we know that you do see our suffering and hear your cries. We know that despite the structures of this world, Black Lives do Matter to you. Black Lives have always mattered to you. Black Lives will always matter to you.

O God, then let *us* awake. Let Black Lives Matter to *us* in America and let Black Lives Matter all over the world. Let us be a church where Black Lives Matter, and where Black Women's Lives are held as Sacred, as Precious, and Beloved by God.

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

Escuchando | Listening

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Maria

Dando en Linea | Giving Online

Please visit www.calvarydc.org/give. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice tracing back to the early church. As followers of Jesus began re-imagining their allegiance to God and not Caesar, they also chose to share their money, time, and resources in ways that disrupted systems of power and violence around them. As a community of faith shaped by this intention as we strive to be radically inclusive, progressive, and multicultural, we pray that our commitments might free you to give to this place both joyfully and intentionally.

Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Juan | John 18:36-38

Britany Riley, Liturgist

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.

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Respondió Jesús: Mi reino no es de este mundo; si mi reino fuera de este mundo, mis servidores pelearían para que yo no fuera entregado a los judíos; pero mi reino no es de aquí. Le dijo entonces Pilato: ¿Luego, eres tú rey? Respondió Jesús: Tú dices que yo soy rey. Yo para esto he nacido, y para esto he venido al mundo, para dar testimonio a la verdad. Todo aquel que es de la verdad, oye mi voz. Le dijo Pilato: ¿Qué es la verdad? Y cuando hubo dicho esto, salió otra vez a los judíos, y les dijo: Yo no hallo en él ningún delito.

Canción | Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord let me walk each day with thee,
Lead me oh Lord, lead me.

Lead Me, Guide Me | Guiame
sung by Rhea Williams

Guíame, guíame en tu verdad,
Si me conduces, no vagaré.
Dios, déjame contigo andar,
Guíame, mi Señor.

Una Lectura | A Sacred Reading

words from Ta-Nehisi Coates
“Between the World and Me”
Sakeenah Shabazz, reader

We are, as Derrick Bell once wrote, “The Faces at the bottom of the well.” But there really is wisdom down there and that wisdom accounts for much that is good in my life. And while that wisdom is not unique to our people, I think it has special meaning for those of us born out of mass rape, whose ancestors were carried off and divided into policies and stocks. I have raised you to respect every human being as singular, and you must extend that into the past. Slavery is not an indefinable mass of flesh. It is a particular, specific enslaved woman, whose mind is as active as your own, whose range of feelings is as vast as your own; who prefers the way the light falls in one spot in the woods, who enjoys fishing where the water eddies in the nearby stream, who loves her mother in her own complicated way, thinks her sister talks too loud, has a favorite color, a favorite season, who excels at dress making and knows, inside herself that she is intelligent and capable as anyone. Slavery is that same woman born into a world that loudly proclaims its love for freedom and inscribes this love in essential texts, a world in which these same professors hold this woman a slave, her daughter a slave, and when this woman peers back into the generations all she sees is the enslaved. She can hope for more. She can imagine some future grandchildren. But when she dies, the world—which is really the only world she can ever know—ends. For this woman, enslavement is not a parable. It is damnation. It is a never-ending night. And the length of that night is most of our history. Never forget that we were enslaved in this country longer than we have been free. Never forget that for 250 years black people were born into chains—whole generations followed by more generations who knew nothing but chains.

You must struggle to remember this past in all its nuance, error, and humanity. You must resist the common urge toward a comforting narrative of divine law, towards fairy tales that imply some irrepressible justice. The enslaved were not bricks in your road, and their lives were not chapters in your redemptive history. They were people turned to fuel for the American machine. Enslavement was not destined to end, and it is wrong, to claim our present circumstance—no matter how improved—as the redemption for the lives of people who never asked for the posthumous, untouchable glory of dying for their children. Our triumphs can never compensate for this.

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

“Her Eye is on the Sparrow”
sung by Desmond Thompson

Sermón | Sermon

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas



Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas is a native of Columbia, Missouri and an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. She serves as the Executive Minister of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) in Washington, D.C. Before Peoples Congregational UCC, Rev. Thomas served as the Minister of Youth and Families at First Church UCC in Middletown, Connecticut, in the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Thomas brings a wide variety of experience including serving as a Pastoral Intern at some of the largest congregations in the UCC; First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn

(UCC), Trinity UCC Chicago, and one of the most creative and diverse churches in the country, Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco.

Rev. Thomas is a graduate of Yale Divinity School (YDS), where she received her Master of Divinity. Her scholarship at YDS included Homiletics, Womanist Theology, and Practical Theology at the intersections of the Black Church. She was the recipient of both the Andover Newton Seminary Diploma Program and Black Church Studies Certificate. Rev. Thomas received her Bachelor of Arts from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and graduated summa cum laude. Her undergraduate studies focused on Religious Studies with an emphasis on sex and gender in the Christian tradition. While at Westminster College, Rev. Thomas held various positions in the banking industry, culminating as an Assistant Branch Manager at Central Bank of Boone County.

Rev. Thomas is also the recipient of several prestigious awards from Yale University. She was awarded the Charles Merick Award for Effective Public Address especially in preaching and the Henry Hallam Tweedy Award for the student with exceptional promise for pastoral leadership. Likewise, she was the recipient of the newly established Martin B. Copenhagen Preaching Prize from Andover Newton Seminary. Rev. Thomas' ministry experiences have taken her across the world—she wrote her first sermon at age seven on an airplane and continues to enjoy preaching the Gospel

wherever it takes her. One of her favorite preaching experiences was in the Garden of Gethsemane while visiting Jerusalem in 2015. Some of her recent speaking engagements include Harvard Black Student Ministries at Harvard University, Trinity UCC Youth Revival Sunday, and the keynote speaker at the 2019 Multicultural Achievement Committee (MAC) Conference for Columbia Public Schools, a conference she co-founded while in high school.

In both her teaching and radical proclamation, Rev. Thomas is passionate about serving God and God's church. She brings gifts of administration, wisdom, and passion to her work. Ministry for Rev. Thomas is defined far beyond the pulpit as she believes in radiating the love of Jesus through both her joy and witness.

Himno | Hymn of Invitation

"Something Within"
composed by **Lucie E. Campbell**
sung by Rhea Williams

**1. Preachers and teachers would make their appeal,
Fighting as soldiers on great battlefields;
When to their pleadings my poor heart did yield,
All I can say, there is something within.**

Refrain:

**Something within me that holdeth the reins,
Something within me that banishes pain:
Something within me I cannot explain,
All that I know there is something within.**

**2. Have you that something, that burning desire?
Have you that something, that never doth tire?
Oh, if you have it- that Heavenly Fire!
Then let the world know there is something within.
[Refrain]**

**3. I met God one morn', my soul feeling bad,
Heart heavy laden with a bowed down head.
He lifted my burden, made me so glad,
All that I know there is something within. [Refrain]**



Learn more about this hymn and composer Lucie Campbell here- <https://www.hymnologyarchive.com/something-within>

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Elijah

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Contact the Deacon of the Week, Nancy Renfrow, nrenfrow@verizon.net, with your cares or concerns.

Announcements:

Shalom Scholars Update: On **Sunday, February 7th** following service, during Coffee Hour, we'll see a presentation updating us on the Shalom Scholars program. There will be photos, we'll learn about what the fund is going towards, and hear more about the program!

Poor People's Campaign Moral Monday: On **Monday, February 1st**, the Poor People's Campaign will host a mass teach-in on the new political landscape we're navigating and a call-in to Schumer and McConnell to demand immediate COVID relief. It will take place at 3:30pm EST, and you can join at poorpeoplescampaign.org/livestream.

Revised Mission/Vision/Values Statement Affirmed by the Congregation

Our Labor Together: A Mission Statement

We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community of Christ followers committed to the sacred work of anti-racism, social justice, and radical inclusion.

Our Belovedness: A Values Statement

We affirm that God celebrates the creative diversity of God's kin-dom, loving people of every color, faith, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. It matters that people who have been historically marginalized by the Christian church in America see themselves listed here as God's beloved. In other words, **you** are our values statement.

- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people of faith to keep saying, and living, this truth.
- We believe no human being is "illegal," and as a Sanctuary Church, we fully welcome and support people of all immigration statuses.
- We believe LGBTQ+ lives are sacred, beautiful, and ought to be fully included and affirmed in all aspects of congregational life and leadership.
- We celebrate that our worshipping life is multi-lingual and multi-dimensional, especially shaped by Latin American, particularly Salvadoran, traditions, and the Historic Black Church tradition.
- We value interfaith inclusion and welcome people of any and all faith traditions to find a home here.

- We value people for who they are and not for their role in an economy where wealth accumulates and people struggle to live.
- We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the Piscataway, Anacostan, and Nacotchtank Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We believe that the earth is sacred and that we must continue to learn how to be better caretakers of the land we inhabit.
- We value diverse theological voices which have long stood on the margins within the Christian tradition in America.

Our Holy Imagination: A Vision Statement

We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work of anti-racism and decolonization, both within ourselves and in the world. Ultimately, we commit to this labor as a *joyful* act of discipleship that leads us ever deeper into the Gospel of liberation and life.

One Liner:

Radically inclusive Christian community

Remember in Prayer

Joe and Shirley Taylor, Jessica Taylor's parents; Family and friends of John Blythe, Carol Blythe's father; Family and friends of Judy Mein; Middle Collegiate Church, after losing its beloved sanctuary to a fire; Family and friends of Gwen Goodman, niece of Rick Goodman; Friends and family of Akua Afriyie Achempong, Salima Appiah-Duffell's cousin; John Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's brother. Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy. Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together. Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Anna Kneifel, The Langford Family; Rich Madigan, Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles, Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Lilia Ross, friend of Liubov Russell; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, friend of Liubov Russell; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights. We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation. Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform. Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes. Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil. Our collective response to resisting white supremacy. Victims of terror everywhere. Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.

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